

except "wearing apparel for self and family, a scanty supply," to **Gabriel Duvall** (1752–1844), his trustee, in September 1792. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 514 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties (250 acres in Anne Arundel County by purchase; one-half interest in 528 acres in Baltimore County given by Ely Dorsey to his daughters Elizabeth and Eleanor and their husbands, 1780). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** Ridgely, **Daniel Bowley** (1745–1807), and **William West** (ca. 1737–1791) were named executors and devisees of the estate of **Thomas Harrison** (?–1782). In order to avoid the state's confiscation of Harrison's property, which had been left to relatives in England, Ridgely, Bowley, and West laid claim to Harrison's land (amounting to ca. 8,000 acres in Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Harford counties, plus 18 acres and ca. 35 lots in Baltimore Town) and jointly sold it or leased it out over the next eight years. Between 1782 and 1791 Ridgely also speculated in Baltimore Town lots on his own and in partnership with Bowley and **Jeremiah Townly Chase** (1748–1828). Ridgely inherited at least one-half of 119 acres in Anne Arundel County from his father in 1783, and purchased 500 acres in Anne Arundel County between 1783 and 1785; part of the latter acreage adjoined 7 acres on the Patuxent River that Ridgely purchased in 1785 with Richard Stringer to build Guilford Mill. Ridgely began selling off his Baltimore Town and Baltimore County property in 1788, and mortgaged a number of Baltimore Town lots to Richard Caton in 1789. The following year Ridgely and Bowley mortgaged their shares of Harrison's land to West to secure payment of West's share of the estate. Ridgely continued to sell or mortgage land held with Chase, with Bowley, and in his own right, 1790–1792. In 1792 he listed his remaining land in his insolvency petition as including ca. 2,000 acres in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Frederick counties (although title to ca. 1,565 acres of this had not yet been conveyed to him), plus 800 acres in Georgia, warrants for 21,869 acres in Kentucky, and a bond for land "on Tioga" in New York. All of this land, he stated, was already mortgaged as security for his debts and all of it was assigned to his trustee for sale. Three years after his insolvency, Ridgely began purchasing land on Elkridge in Anne Arundel County. He acquired ca. 1,264 acres there in 1795 and 1796, 664 acres of which was part of Ely Dorsey's estate and was purchased with a mortgage to Daniel Dorsey, which was released

in 1814. Between 1796 and 1798, Ridgely patented 1,077 acres in Anne Arundel and Allegany counties and 4 lots in Baltimore City (two of which he sold immediately), and purchased 234 acres in Anne Arundel County. He was charged with 1,729 acres in Anne Arundel County in 1798, at least 412 acres of which was land which he had owned prior to 1792 and to which he conveyed title in 1799. He purchased 1,600 acres in Anne Arundel County in 1799, and patented ca. 350 acres in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties between 1801 and 1803. Over the next twenty years, Ridgely sold most of this land in smaller parcels. In 1815 Ridgely patented 285 acres in Anne Arundel County and in 1820 he purchased a house and lot in Annapolis. Shortly before his death, he gave 234 acres in Anne Arundel County to his daughter Ann and her husband. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on February 26, 1824, at his plantation at Elkridge, Anne Arundel County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$42,320.29 as calculated (without the addition of estate profits and sales); FB, \$18,418.19 as calculated (before payment of legacies and distributions). Inventory included 22 slaves, 316 oz. plate, and a library of 144 volumes valued at \$709.61. The estate was not settled until 1836. **LAND:** probably ca. 1,870 acres in Anne Arundel and Allegany counties, plus possibly 2 lots in Baltimore City and 1 lot in Annapolis.

**RIDOUT, JOHN** (1732–1797). **BORN:** in 1732 in Sherbourne, Dorsetshire, England; second son. **IMMIGRATED:** on August 10, 1753, as secretary to **Horatio Sharpe** (1718–1790). **RESIDED:** in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, until ca. 1775; "Whitehall," Anne Arundel County, by 1775; probably spent much of the Revolutionary War period on his land near Tonoloway Creek in Washington County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** George Ridout (1702–1779) of Sherbourne, Dorsetshire, England. **MOTHER:** Mary, daughter of Nichodemus Hallett of Milbourne, Dorsetshire, England. **STEPMOTHER:** Mary Gibbs (?–1777). **BROTHERS:** George; Nicodemus, of Bristol, England; and probably Samuel. **HALF BROTHERS:** Thomas (1754–1829), surveyor general of Upper Canada, 1810; John Gibbs (1757–?), a physician of London. **SISTERS:** Mary, who married J. Hoddenot of Sherbourne, England; Edith, who married (first name unknown) Finch of London; Elizabeth (1740–1826), who married George Ward of Bruton, England. **MARRIED** in 1764 Mary (1746–1808), daughter of **Samuel Ogle** (ca. 1694–1752) and wife Anne Tasker (1723–